

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 485  
By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Billy Mayfield on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pride in specially recognizing and paying tribute to those coaches who, through their many years of expertise and victory, have earned a spot in sports history; and

WHEREAS, Billy Mayfield is one such estimable leader, having announced his retirement after 750 wins and 43 years of coaching girls' basketball; and

WHEREAS, after beginning his coaching career as an assistant football and basketball coach in 1960 at Marshall County High School, Coach Mayfield went on to become a head boys' basketball and football coach at Cornersville High School and Connelly Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, Billy Mayfield accepted a position at Giles County High School coaching girls' basketball, a fortuitous decision, as he has amassed nearly 700 wins in his 35 years as Head Coach of the girls' basketball team at Giles County; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mayfield has taken many teams to the TSSAA tournament in his 40 years in the TSSAA, earning an undefeated 30-0 record and a State Championship in 1980 and State Championships in 1981 and 1982; in addition, he has taken five teams to the final four; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Coach Mayfield has been inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame and was named District Coach of the Year in 1980-81, 1981-82, 1989-90, 1992-93, and 2001-02 and TACA Coach of the Year in 1985, 1990, and 1993; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to his remarkable coaching abilities and knowledge of the game, Billy Mayfield was selected to coach the Tennessee All-Stars in 1995, and in 2000, he was inducted into the Martin Methodist College Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, weathering many changes in the game of basketball, including the transition in girls' basketball from six-on-six to five-on-five, Billy Mayfield has become a basketball icon in Tennessee throughout his 40 years in TSSAA, known for his work ethic, knowledge of the game, and caring attitude toward his players; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, Billy Mayfield is most thankful for the love and support he shares with his wife, the former Jody Williamson, his two children, and his five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, during his retirement, Coach Mayfield plans to fish, focus on raising his Angus cattle, and spend time with his family; and

WHEREAS, Billy Mayfield represents the ideal of a caring mentor, diligent, hard worker, and exceptional coach; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to him for his many years of coaching service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Coach Billy Mayfield on his many years of

estimable leadership of Tennessee's youth, applaud his dedication to Tennessee athletics, and wish him the best for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.